

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 13 are pending in this application with claim 1 being amended and claims 2-12 being cancelled by this response.

Objection to the Abstract

The Abstract is rejected as being in narrative form and having more than 150 words. The Abstract has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to reduce the length thereof. In view of the amendments to the abstract, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obeck in view of Patterson et al. Claim 12 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2-12 and thus is now also allowable. Claims 2-12 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 2-6 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 2-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obeck in view of Patterson et al. and in further view of Ellis. Claims 2-6 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 2-6, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claim 7 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obeck in view of Patterson et al. and Ellis and in further view of Leonard et al. Claim 7 has been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claim 7, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 8-10 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 8-10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obeck in view of Patterson et al., Ellis and Leonard et al. and in further view of Jones. Claims 8-10 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 8-10, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claim 11 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Obeck in view of Patterson et al., Ellis, Leonard et al. and Jones and in further view of Miller. Claim 11 has been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the objections and rejections made in this Office Action have been satisfied and should be withdrawn. Claims 12 and 13 have been indicated as allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1 including the limitations of claim 12 and the cancellation of claims 2-12, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

No additional fee is believed due with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge any additional fee due and not covered by an enclosed check to Deposit Account No. 500716.

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